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Follow-up of Case IDN/TMP 091296

The International Secretariat of OMCT has received new information on the above-mentioned case and requests your continued intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief reminder of the situation:
The International Secretariat was informed of the arrests of ten East Timorese youths by the Indonesian Authorities while participating in a demonstration in Suai. It was believed the youths were holding a peaceful demonstration and marched to the Administrative District building to hand over a petition in support of Bishop Belo. A confrontation broke out between the youths and the military police when members of the Indonesian military prevented the demonstrators from handing over the petition . It was believed the military then opened fire on the crowd and ten youths were shot, suffering serious injuries. The ten injured youths were them arrested, and their current whereabouts was unknown.

The report received from reliable sources, also named the members of the Indonesian authorities who opened fire on the crowd: Hendang Sugito, ABRI Sergeant; Sugito, ABRI Officer;Made; Police Sergeant; Marcos I, Jacinto Gusmao, Elviro, Clementino A and Cornelio, all rank of Furiel, ABRI; Sebastiao, Candido, Joao, Januario, Alberto Gomes, Inacio and Carlos, all ABRI soldiers; members of one BTT Battalion; Police and members of two other Battalions. (Note: a Furiel is one rank below Sergeant)

New information:
According to the information received, another seven East Timorese youths were arrested in the Suai region on 25 November 1996. Attempts to locate the seven youths have been unsuccessful and it is believed local authorities are responsible for their disappearance.

The whereabouts of the of the East Timorese youths who were arrested on 19 November during the same demonstrations is still unknown.

Given the circumstances of their arrest the International Secretariat is gravely concerned for their physical and psychological integrity.

The detainees are all from the Suai district:

New names:
Honori Coli, 20
Joni Travolta Rego, 23
Natalino Rego, 24
Rui Amaral, 22
Benjamin Walu, 23
Paulino Marcal Amaral, 21
Manuel Goncalves, 21

Action requested :
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological of all those detained in and immediately locate their whereabouts and ensure that the above persons are provided with immediate and appropriate medical attention.;

ii. provide the names of all the people who have already been detained following the recent demonstrations and order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii. open a full impartial inquiry into the events, identify all those responsible and bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and /or administrative sanctions provided by legislation;

iv put an end to the excessive use of force in particular the use of live ammunition;

iv. guarantee in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.